

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 710 – SB 1034

March 5, 2013

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Includes a parent's conviction of trafficking a person for a commercial sex act under Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-13-309 as a ground for initiation of termination of parental rights if a child of the parent is one of the victims of the offense.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (003903): Adds that a guardian's conviction for trafficking a person for a commercial sex act under § 39-13-309 is a ground for initiation of termination of guardianship rights. Removes the element of the ground for termination that the child of the parent is one of the victims of the offense.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- According to the Administrative Office of the Courts, the proposed legislation may increase the caseload of juvenile courts and state trial courts where termination matters may be filed but any increased expenditure will be not significant and can be absorbed within existing judicial resources.
- According to the Department of Children's Services (the Department), the proposed legislation will potentially increase the number of termination of parental rights procedures under this circumstance, however these terminations could likely occur under current law. Any impact in the Department's expenditures will be not significant.

HB 710 – SB 1034

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

/ehu